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SUBJ: SOLOMONS DRAFT CONSTITUTION

1. PRESS REPORTS FILED ON MARCH 3 IN HONIARA REPORT THAT BRITISH SOLOMONS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAS PASSED A DRAFT CONSTITUTION AFTER THREE DAYS OF DEBATE. THIS DRAFT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE TALKS WITH BRITISH.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION AS REPORTED IN PRESS:

HEAD OF STATE-FOR FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE, QUEEN ELIZABETH II WILL SERVE AS HEAD OF STATE AND A SOLOMON ISLANDS' CITIZEN WILL SERVE AS HER GOVERNOR GENERAL. SOLOMONS TO AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A REPUBLIC AFTER ONE YEAR, UNLESS MOVE IS BLOCKED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF PARLIAMENT. IF SOLOMONS BECOME REPUBLIC, THE THEN SITTING GOVERNOR GENERAL WILL BECOME PRESIDENT.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS-PARLIAMENT WILL ELECT PRIME MINISTER. OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL BE APPOINTED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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HEAD OF STATE ACTING ON ADVICE OF PRIME MINISTER.

HEAD OF STATE WILL EXERCISE ALL EXECUTIVE POWERS, ACTING ON ADVICE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

3. ASSESSMENT WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

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